क्र.सं०	राज्य संघ राज्य क्षेत्र	आठवीं योजना	1994–95
9	जम्मू और कश्मीर	1900.0	100.0
10	कर्नाटक	719.0	72.0
11	केरल	2688.0	210.0
12	मध्य प्रदेश	0.0	0.0
13	महाराष्ट्र	332.0	710.0
14	मणिपुर	0.0	0.0
15	मेघालय	0.0	0.0
16	मिजोरम	852.0	1889.0
17	नागालैंड	0.0	0.0
18	उड़ीसा	4067.0	500.0
19	पंजाब	0.0	0.0
20	राजस्थान	1387.0	459.0
21	सिक्किम	1623.0	500.0
22	तमिलनाडु	983.1	200.0
23	त्रिपुरा	0.0	0.0
24	उत्तर प्रदेश	8000.0	800.0
25	पश्चिम बंगाल	0.0	50.0
	कुल (राज्य) :	29267.6	9038.5

Cess for the Beedi workers

*216. SHRII K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 162 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Beedi manufacturers are paying any cess for the welfare of the Beedi workers;

(b) if so, what is the annual receipt of such cess, State-wise; and

(c) what is the annual expenditure incurred by his Ministry on the welfare of Beedi Workers, State-wise, during 1992-93 and so far in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) In accordance with the provisions contained in the Beedi Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1976, excise duty is levied by way of cess on manufactured beedies. The rate of cess is 30 paise per thousand beedies. Exemption from this provision has been made in respect of beedies upto a quantity not exceeding 20 lakhs:—

(a) if they are unbranded; and

(b) if they are cleared (as first clearance) for home consumption on or after first of April in any financial year.

State-wise cess collection is given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

State-wise details of expenditure incurred by the Ministry on the welfare of beedi workers are not maintained. Details of expenditure incurred in each region which includes one or more States/Union Territories for the year 1992-93 and 1994-95 (Upto May, 2 1994) is given at statement-II.

Statement-I

Statement showing the state-wise Amount collected as Cess from Beedi Industry for the last three years :

(Rs. in thousands)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Year 1991-92	Year 1992-93	Year 1993-94
1	Andhra Pradesh	21714	21348	20799
2	Bihar	5943	6357	7362
3	Gujarat	164	146	168
4	Karnataka	15397	17596	15810
5	Kerala	447	4792	4429
6	Assam	11	..	..
7	Madhya Pradesh	20394	16369	17981
8	Maharashtra	917	9454	9238
9	Orissa	140	1487	1704
10	Rajasthan	111	1119	1172
11	Tamil Nadu	1807	17747	17917
12	Uttar Pradesh	695	7606	6513
13	West Bengal	1391	16369	18387
	GRAND TOTAL :	1,87,09	12,03,90	12,15,00

Statement-II

Statement showing region-wise Year-wise amount of expenditure incurred from Beedi Workers Welfare Fund for the years 1992-93 , 1994-95 (*upto May*, 1994).

(Rs. in thousands)

Sl. No.	Region	States/UTs covered	Expenditure incurred 1992-93	1994-95
1	Allahabad.	Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi & Chandigarh.	7799	907
2	Bangalore	Karnataka, Kerala & Lakshdeep Islands.	18076	2669
	Bhilwara	Rajasthan, Gujarat & Haryana	6912	780

1	2	3	4	5
4	Bhubaneshwar . .	Orissa	6590	1115
5	Calcutta . . .	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, West Bengal, Sikkim, Nagaland Manipur ffi Tripura.	10642	1199
6	Hyderabad . .	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pondichery, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.	36362	2430
7	Jabalpur . .	Madhya Pradesh.	14845	1758
8	Karma . . .	Bihar	9905	1464
9	Nagpur . . .	Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli . .	9344	1255
	TOTAL : . . .		120475	13577

Environmental and Biodiversity Espionage under GATT

*217. SHRI MD. SALIM:

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some environmentalist groups have raised certain apprehensions about environmental and biodiversity espionage by foreign corporations under GATT;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government is not aware of apprehensions raised by environmentalist groups about environmental and biodiversity espionage by foreign corporations under GATT.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) GATT does not deal with environmental and biodiversity espionage.

Indian Trade Exhibition in Russia

*218. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India organised the largest trade exhibition in Russia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at the time of inauguration of the exhibition, the leader and members of the delegation held talks with Russian officials on promoting trade and economic cooperation between the two countries; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Trade Exhibition organised in Moscow during 18—27 July, 1994 was the biggest Indian Exhibition since the break-up of USSR into present CIS Republics.

(b) The Exhibition was inaugurated jointly by Shri Kamaluddin Ahmed, Minister of State for Commerce and Mr. Mikhial E. Fradkov, First Deputy Minister of Economic Relation, Russian Federation on July 18, 1994. During the inauguration a 16-member FICCI delegation and the